

Congressman Childers Kicks Off Veterans History Project at Horn Lake High School

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Washington, DC - Today, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) visited Horn Lake High School to kick off North Mississippi students' participation in the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project. The Congressman will join with students throughout Mississippi's First Congressional District to document the stories of former soldiers by collecting oral histories, memoirs, diaries, letters, and other documents that capture the experiences of those who have served our nation in time of war. During today's kickoff, Congressman Childers was joined by two North Mississippi veterans.

"The Veterans History Project is a way to remember and pay tribute to the great sacrifices veterans have made while serving our country. By participating in the project, students will establish important relationships across generations that will enable all of us to appreciate the costs of freedom and the true value of those who defend it. I look forward to joining with Horn Lake students to honor our veterans and preserve our nation's heritage," said Congressman Childers.

The Veterans History Project, which was started in 2000, collects and preserves the remembrances of American war Veterans and civilian workers who supported them. These collections of first-hand accounts are archived in the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress for use by researchers and to serve as an inspiration for generations to come. The Project collects remembrances of Veterans who served in World War I, World War II, the Cold War, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, and the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts. U.S. citizen civilians who actively supported war efforts (such as war industry workers, USO workers, flight instructors, medical volunteers and defense contractors) are also invited to share their valuable stories.

Relying on volunteers throughout the nation to collect Veterans' stories on its behalf, the Library

of Congress makes project records available to researchers and the general public. They are accessible both at the Library in Washington, D.C., and via the Veterans History Project website, <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>, which offers more information about getting involved.

A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit <http://www.childers.house.gov/>

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